

## Veterans of Great War

More than a million members of the American Legion have pledged themselves to assist in the American education week campaign, December 4-10, under the auspices of the legion and the National Educational Association, composed of school and college teachers. The purpose of the campaign is to inform the public of the accomplishments and needs of the public schools and to secure support and co-operation of the public in meeting these needs.

A Christmas gift to the ex-service men of the United States in the form of the passage by Congress of the Fordney-McCumber adjusted compensation bill, is a prediction made by John Thomas Taylor, vice chairman of the American Legion's national legislative committee.

Plans for the opening of the Cumberland office of the Veterans' Bureau have been approved at the headquarters of the fourth district in Washington and the doors will be opened there December 1. The office will function through the fourth district of the Veterans' Bureau, of which Albert E. Haan is manager, and which includes the states of Virginia, West Virginia and Maryland

and the District of Columbia. This district, in turn, is directly responsible to the central office of the Veterans' Bureau here.

Disinterment of the bodies of American soldiers buried in France, during the war, has been completed, according to word received by the American Legion. Army authorities have forwarded to the four permanent American cemeteries in France, 1,680 bodies, removal of which to the United States was not requested by relatives.

The Equality Walter Reed Post, No. 284, of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, met last Thursday, at which a ticket of nominations for officers for the coming year was announced.

The next meeting of the post will be held Thursday, December 1, in the post room at the Pythian Temple, 1012 9th street northwest, when further nominations will be received. A number of applicants have been approved for membership and will be voted on at that time. The post appoints a committee, consisting of Capt. Robert B. Handy, jr.; Capt. Edwin S. Bettelheim, jr. and L. E. Donaldson, as representatives to the general department committee for the

purpose of holding a military ball later in the season. A membership drive has been instituted and those desiring to make application may get in touch with the following members: George Vivier, 2122 E street; L. E. Donaldson, 632 Princeton place northwest; James M. Harrigan, 637 6th street northeast; Charles Miller, 2900 Central avenue northeast; Corp. Hawkins, Fort Washington; Robert B. Handy, jr., 315 Metropolitan Bank building; Mrs. Charles Hohman and Delbert Rodehaven, at the Maryland University, College Park.

Alexander M. Bremer was chosen to command Stuart Walcott Post, No. 10, of the American Legion for the ensuing year, at a meeting Tuesday night. Other officers elected were Floyd W. Woolley, senior vice commander; Glenn O. Young, junior vice commander; Dr. Charles E. Ralph, post surgeon; Ray O. Fletcher, sergeant-at-arms; Paul K. Carr, master-at-arms; Judson C. Dale, historian, and Elmer Hunter, quartermaster.

The newly elected commander appointed T. Norman Templeton, post adjutant, and F. W. Sheridan, post finance officer. Commander Bremer was elected to head the post's delegation to the departmental convention December 19. Other delegates chosen were E. J. Beaulac, Glenn O. Young and T. Norman Templeton. Alternates are Raymond O. Fletcher, Harvey J. Lebo, Dr. George H. Croft and Dr. Jesse L. Hall. Various members of the post discussed the feasibility of sending a representative of the post to France to decorate

the grave of Lieut. Stuart Walcott, the aviator, who was killed in action, and after whom the post was named. Lieut. Walcott was the son of Dr. Charles D. Walcott, secretary of the Smithsonian Institution. No definite action was taken upon the matter, however.

The clean-up campaign of the Veterans' bureau, which was inaugurated in August and scheduled to continue until January 1, is reported to be showing progress. Statistics compiled by the bureau show that 72,778 cases have been handled by these squads. Only 4,038 cases remain pending at the central office, which means that 68,740 cases have been adjudicated and notices of settlement forwarded to the claimants. More than 110,000 veterans have been interviewed individually by these clean-up squads operating in the field and thousands of others have been addressed collectively before Red Cross chapters, American Legion posts and in the meetings of other veteran organizations.

Lack of information on the part of veterans and their dependents as to the procedure of filing a claim has prevented many of them from receiving the benefits to which they are entitled under soldiers' relief legislation. Many deserving cases have been found who have never filed a claim. The liberal features of the Sweet bill relative to tubercular and neurosyphilitic cases were unknown to the great majority of veterans and

they were informed of these features by the clean-up squads.

A standing military ball committee has been appointed by Equality Walter Reed Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, with Edwin S. Bettelheim, jr.; R. B. Handy and L. E. Donaldson as members. All local V. F. W. posts in the District have been invited to appoint a like number of members to the committee. Frederick Barrack Post has adopted these plans, and has named Messrs. Helse, Hughes and Manning as members of the committee. This committee will function permanently and devise ways and means for an annual grand military ball to be held each year in the future on Armistice day. By forming this committee so far in advance and giving it all the support necessary, these balls should be the greatest event in Washington during the year.

National Capital Post, No. 127, Veterans of Foreign Wars, at its last meeting entertained the department commander, Capt. Samuel H. Jacobson, and staff while making their annual inspection. The post was highly complimented for its efficiency in keeping records and the splendid work accomplished during the year, showing a steady increase financially and in membership. Nomination for officers for the ensuing year was taken up, the election to be held the

last meeting in December. G. Statberg, nominated for commander, declined the nomination, but accepted the nomination for post quartermaster, thus leaving both positions for commander and senior vice commander open until the next meeting.

December 16. Nominations were as follows: Horace Ackerman, Val H. Brandon, James H. Dickie and Henry Loveless, for junior vice commander; Capt. Joseph B. Much, captain; William J. Harrington, officer of the day; M. B. Baidenburg and Harrison D.

Boyer, trustees. The recruiting committee presented a class of seven candidates for election, as follows: Robert C. Cohen, Adolphe E. Columbus, George R. Foregoy, Elmer Nelson, Harry O. Raupp, Leonard C. Wellingham and Charles H. Stevens.



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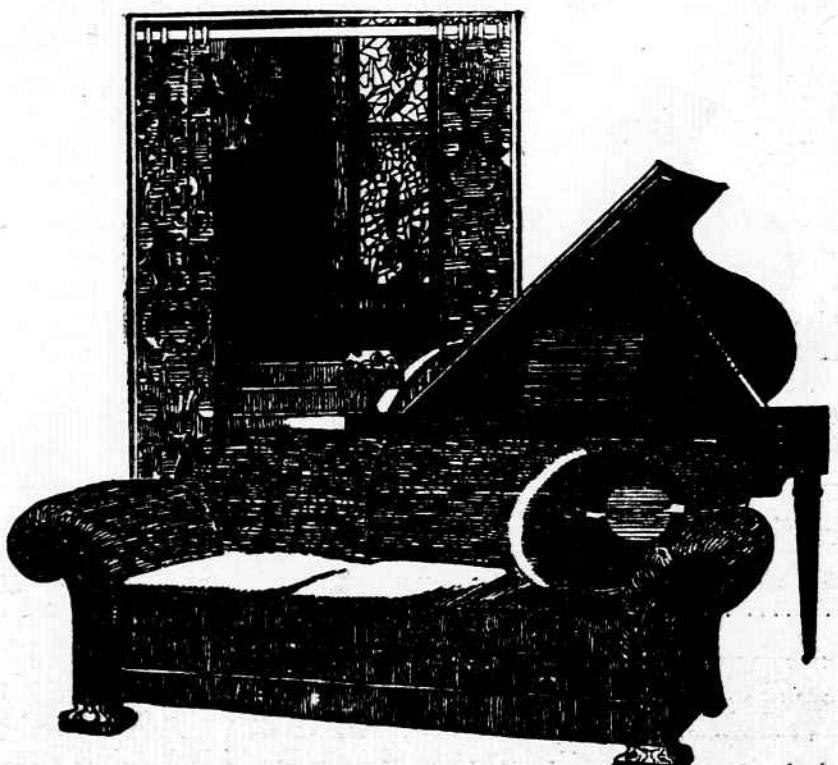
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